

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 12 to read as follows:

Each connecting element 12 has a body 18 consisting of an L-shaped base 20 with first and second oppositely facing, flat surfaces 22, 24. One leg 26 of the "L" has an elongate arm 28 thereon which projects substantially orthogonally to the plane of the surface 22. The arm 28 has a main portion/leg with a return bend/leg 30 which defines a generally flat surface 32 that is parallel to, and faces, the surface 22 on the base 20. The base 20 has a second leg 34 from which an arm 36, similar to the arm 28, projects. The arm 36 has a return bend 38 defining a generally flat surface 40 that is substantially parallel to, and faces, the surface 22.

Please amend the last paragraph beginning on page 17 and continuing to page 18 to read as follows:

To add another level of rigidity, the otherwise flat, parallel, oppositely facing surfaces 86, 88 of the exemplary arm 28 can be shaped so that at least one of the surfaces 86, 88 is non-flat over at least part of its areal extent. In the embodiment shown in Figs. 1-8, a rib 92 is formed continuously along the majority of the length of the main portion of the arm 28 and return bend 30 to produce the shape shown most clearly in cross section in Fig. 7. The surface 88 is changed from a flat shape to have a shaped, non-flat, stepped surface configuration. The non-flat configuration depicted improves the rigidity of the arm 38 to make it resistant to bending as might defeat the security system 10, as demonstrated in Fig. 10. The arm 36 is made in similar fashion.